



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

**Werner Hoffman**

Serial No.: **09/892,412**

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Title: **Production Machine**

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Group Art Unit: **1732**

Examiner: **Heitbrink, Jill Lynne**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed August 12, 2004, Applicant files this Preliminary Amendment and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was due September 1, 2004, Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time, with the appropriate fee, to extend the period of reply to October 1, 2004. Therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

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